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aid them in their profession. For such persons this work is very well adapted. Mr. Hilton's course of instruction is brief but well planned, his grammar remarkably compendious, but sufficient for the purpose, and his vocabulary hardly more scanty than is proper for his design. To those who already know a little Latin the interest of the book lies in the list of legal maxims and phrases. This possesses a great deal of merit. The selection, though capable of improvement, is perhaps the best yet extant, embracing 385 headings; and the annotations are commendable for their brevity and unpretentious simplicity. Elaborate attempts to define the application of such maxims as if they were rules of law are a sheer waste of time. Extended criticism of them is profitable only when done from a broad historical point of view, as in Judge Smith's article in 9 HARVARD LAW REVIEW, 13. The work as a whole is accurate as far as is consistent with the omission of all exceptions and qualifications, the only palpable slip noticed being in the vocabulary under the head of *vere*.

R. G.

A COLLECTION OF OHIO AND FEDERAL CASES ON THE INTERPRETATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES. By Francis Bacon James. Cincinnati: W. H. Anderson & Co. 1897. pp. xi, 229.

Paving the way for a collection of cases on the general subject of interpretation and construction of statutes, Mr. James has published this book of selected cases dealing strictly with statutes of the United States and the State of Ohio. Cases are given from the reports of the Supreme Court of Ohio and of the Federal courts. To say that the cases are well selected, well arranged, and well indexed is the highest praise that can be given to a work of this nature; and in all of these respects Mr. James' work is satisfactory. Its primary usefulness is of course confined to Ohio, although the principles involved in the cases must be the same in other States, and the Federal cases have a broader application. The careful compilation promises well for the more inclusive collection now being prepared.

J. G. P.

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN LAW BOOKS. By Charles C. Soule. The Boston Book Company: Boston, Massachusetts, 1897. pp. 150.

As Mr. Soule's valuable Lawyer's Reference Manual has been allowed to go out of print during the preparation of a new edition, this reprint of that portion of the manual most constantly used by the profession will be of immediate and practical service to many lawyers who do not possess the first edition of the entire work. It is, however, merely a reprint from this first edition of 1883, and is not brought down to date. The new edition of the Manual itself promises to be exceptionally complete, but unfortunately its appearance cannot be expected for some time to come.

H. D. H.

REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION. Philadelphia: Dando Printing Co. 1897. pp. 592.

The proceedings at the last annual meeting of the American Bar Association, held at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1897, are here printed in full, with the constitution and by-laws of the Association, and a list of members. The larger part of the book, however, is the Appendix, containing the various papers read. These were the addresses of